each R^4 is independently ~~a noninterfering substituent~~ selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, acyl, aroyl, heteroaryl, NH-aroyl, halo, OR, NR_2, SR, SOR, SO_2R, OCOR, NRCOR, $NRCONR_2$, NRCOOR, $OCONR_2$, RCO, COOR, alkyl-OOCR, SO_3R, $CONR_2$, SO_2NR_2, $NRSO_2NR_2$, CN, CF_3, R_3Si, and NO_2, wherein each R is independently H, alkyl, alkenyl or aryl, and two of R^4 on adjacent positions can be joined to form a fused, optionally substituted aromatic or nonaromatic, saturated or unsaturated ring which contains 3-8 members, or R^4 is =O or an oxime, oximeether, oximeester or ketal thereof;

m is 0-4;

Ar is an aryl group substituted with 0-5 ~~noninterfering substituents, wherein two adjacent noninterfering substituents can form a fused ring of 3-8 members~~ substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, acyl, aroyl, heteroaryl, NH-aroyl, halo, OR, NR_2, SR, SOR, SO_2R, OCOR, NRCOR, $NRCONR_2$, NRCOOR, $OCONR_2$, RCO, COOR, alkyl-OOCR, SO_3R, $CONR_2$, SO_2NR_2, $NRSO_2NR_2$, CN, CF_3, R_3Si, and NO_2, wherein each R is independently H, alkyl, alkenyl or aryl, and wherein two of said optional substituents on adjacent positions can be joined to form a fused, optionally substituted aromatic or nonaromatic, saturated or unsaturated ring which contains 3-8 members.

2-4. (canceled)

2 ~~5~~. (original): The compound of claim 1 wherein each of i and j is 0.

3 ~~6~~. (original): The compound of claim ~~2~~ 1 wherein j is 0.

7-8. (canceled)

4 ~~9~~. (currently amended): The compound of claim 1 wherein R^7 is H, ~~or is optionally substituted~~ alkyl or acyl.

10-11. (canceled)

5 ~~12~~. (previously presented): The compound of claim 1 wherein L^1 is CO.